



PAYETTE COUNTY PROFILE

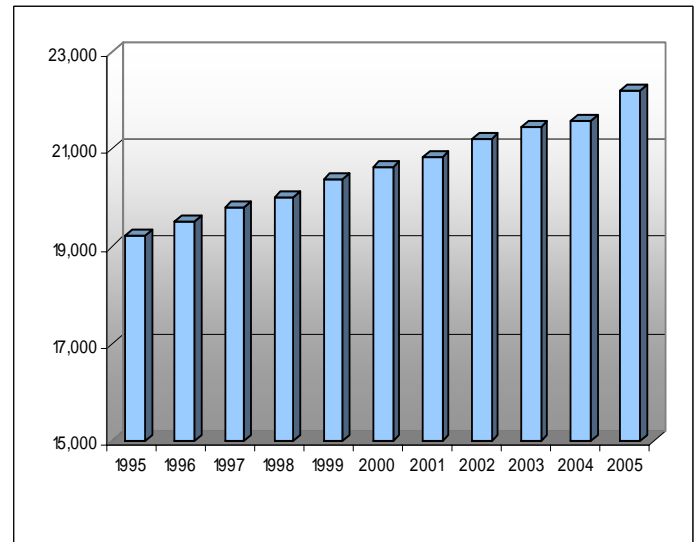
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Population

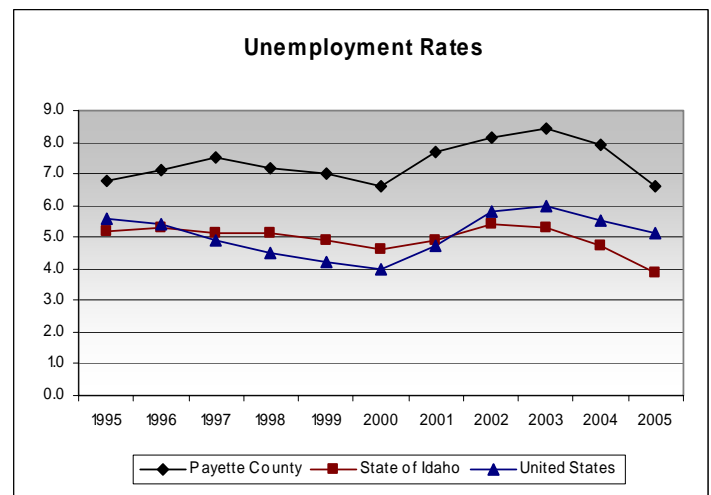
Payette County is Idaho's smallest county in area, but ranks 13th in population among the state's 44 counties. The population of Payette County has been consistently rising over the past decade, growing from 19,237 in 1995 to 22,197 in 2005. The overall population growth over the decade was 2,960 individuals, or 15.4 percent, still below the statewide growth rate of 21.4 percent. Although still slightly below the state growth rate, Payette County's rate of growth is increasing. As the Treasure Valley continues to move west, Payette County continues to see an increasing share of retirees and commuters as the cost of living is less and a rural lifestyle can still be had. Fruitland, New Plymouth, and Payette are the county's largest cities.



Labor Force & Employment

The *Civilian Labor Force* in Payette County exhibited modest growth over the last decade of 8.7 percent, an increase of 828 individuals. Similar to the population growth rate, the labor force is growing at an increasing rate as well. From 1994 to 2004 the labor force grew by 8.4 percent. From 1995 to 2005 it grew by 8.7 percent as briefly mentioned above. The unemployment rate in 2005 at 6.6 percent was the lowest it has been since 2000, matching the ten year low. Increased opportunities in western Idaho, a willingness to commute and a robust construction industry have helped decrease the unemployment rate in recent years.

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs in Payette County increased by 739 jobs, or 14.6 percent, over the past decade. During that time not one industry in Payette County lost jobs. Mostly employment gains were modest but steady. The largest job increases came in *Professional and Business Services* which added 106 new jobs, *Government* which added 179 jobs and *Leisure and Hospitality* which added 88 jobs. The

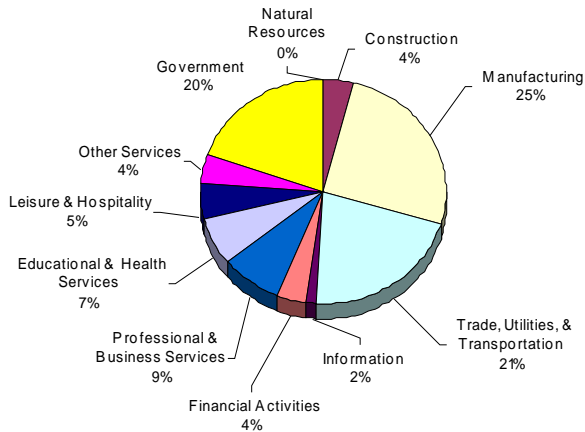


Construction industry is also growing in Payette County, by 22.8 percent between 1994 and 2004, as new homes are popping up throughout the area. Residential construction has continually grown to meet the demands of an increasing population. Payette County is covered with agricultural land, predominately onion fields, corn and fruit orchards. Several large food processors operate in Payette County to accommodate the large cultivation of agricultural products. Over the last year the *Manufacturing* industry has experienced job losses as three major employers in Payette County either shut down or cut back on the number of employees. Recent trends do show however this industry is beginning to recover.

Labor Force	May 2005	May 2006
Civilian Labor Force	10,545	10,347
Total Employment	9,859	9,719
Unemployed	686	627
Payette County % Unemployed	6.5	6.1
State of Idaho % Unemployed	3.9	3.4
U.S. % Unemployed	5.1	4.7

Labor Force	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Civilian Labor Force	9,560	9,902	10,085	10,202	10,182	9,990	9,898	10,101	10,457	10,342	10,388
Unemployment	649	699	752	736	716	657	760	822	882	821	686
% of Labor Force Unemployed	6.8	7.1	7.5	7.2	7.0	6.6	7.7	8.1	8.4	7.9	6.6
Employment	8,911	9,203	9,333	9,466	9,466	9,333	9,138	9,279	9,574	9,521	9,702

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2004



Per Capita Income/Covered Employment

In 2004, Payette County ranked 27th in terms of per capita income in the state with \$22,248. While Payette County has made good gains in per capita income, the County is still below the state average of \$26,877 and the national average of \$33,050.

Manufacturing accounts for over 24 percent of all non-farm jobs in Payette County. This is mostly due to the many food processing manufacturers in the area, including two of the county's largest employers, Seneca Foods and Dickinson Frozen Foods. Other large industries in Payette County include *Trade Utilities and Transportation*, and *Government*.

Major Employers

Idaho Power Company
Care Continuum
Dickinson Frozen Foods
Fruitland School District
New Plymouth School District
Payette County
Payette School District
Seneca Foods
W.I.C.A.P.
Woodgrain Millwork

Occupational Wages*

Starting Wage

Bank Teller	\$8.20
Bookkeeper	\$8.15
Cashier/Counter Clerk	\$6.45
Certified Nursing Assistant	\$7.20
Delivery Driver	\$8.00
Farm Equipment Operators	\$8.00
General Farm Laborers	\$5.75
Housekeeper	\$6.75
HVAC Installer/Service	\$10.40
Landscape Laborer	\$6.75
Machine Operator	\$12.80

* Additional Occupational Wage data can be found on the Idaho Commerce & Labor website at cl.idaho.gov/lmi.

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 1994, 2003, & 2004	1994		2003		2004	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	5,048	\$18,463	5,765	\$24,490	5,787	\$24,446
Agriculture	301	\$14,493	353	\$16,987	345	\$18,118
Mining	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	171	\$16,416	181	\$20,973	210	\$21,110
Manufacturing	1,376	\$21,268	1,409	\$31,027	1,414	\$29,182
Trade, Utilities, & Transportation	1,108	\$19,621	1,163	\$22,257	1,151	\$22,318
Information	24	\$26,953	80	\$31,719	82	\$34,673
Financial Activities	192	\$22,136	196	\$33,504	216	\$32,761
Professional and Business Services	324	\$21,730	469	\$25,790	430	\$27,804
Educational and Health Services	323	\$13,553	392	\$22,261	385	\$24,332
Leisure and Hospitality	189	\$7,350	253	\$7,690	277	\$7,753
Other Services	151	\$12,268	227	\$16,403	214	\$16,439
Government	878	\$17,473	1,036	\$25,200	1,057	\$25,393

Per Capita Income	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Payette County	\$14,707	\$15,689	\$15,845	\$17,209	\$18,180	\$18,737	\$19,776	\$20,351	\$21,177	\$22,248
State of Idaho	\$18,707	\$19,426	\$20,248	\$20,648	\$21,789	\$22,786	\$24,075	\$25,185	\$25,330	\$26,877
United States	\$22,172	\$23,076	\$24,175	\$25,334	\$26,883	\$27,939	\$29,845	\$30,575	\$30,804	\$31,472

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